



**Nashville Old Timers
Baseball Association**



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Joe Keef Named 2017 “Mr. Baseball”

Won 26 Goodlettsville Youth Leagues Championships

NASHVILLE, TN – December 28, 2016 – Joe Keef, a coaching mainstay in Goodlettsville and area baseball ranks, will be honored as the Old Timers “Mr. Baseball” at the organization’s 79th annual banquet to be held Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Nashville Airport Marriott.

In a 36-year coaching career, Keef’s teams have won seven Dixie Youth state championships, three CABA World Series, four Little League state championships, and finished runners-up in multiple world series and regional tournaments. Including five years in the Twitty City baseball program, his teams have won over 1,200 games.

Mike Hendrix, baseball coach at Hendersonville High School for 34 years, will be honored as the newest member of the Nashville Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame. A graduate of John Overton High School, he played at Motlow State Community College, Belmont, and for local amateur teams. He was inducted into the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame last January.

The banquet, sponsored by Franklin American Mortgage, will feature Hall of Famer Ferguson Jenkins as speaker. Banquet tickets are now on sale for \$75 each and may be purchased from any Old Timers board member. For more information call Old Timers president Russ Pyles (238-5308), Farrell Owens (587-1384) or Rip Ryman (319-8459).

Formed in 1938 by a group of local baseball enthusiasts, the Old Timers organization is one of the oldest such organizations in the United States, celebrating its 79th year of existence in 2017.

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